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Mr Garrison

Dear Sir

30 When in Boston you and I were talking about some books — pamphlets &c of yours: You politely offered to give me some: I accepted, and intimated to come after them; but was called home unexpectedly on official business. I sincerely regretted this, as I desired to see you again — A man by the name of Fairbanks promised to give me a book on temperance, and this I accepted; and promised to come after it, but for the same reason cannot call — Now if you will call on Mr. Fairbanks — R R Exchange No. 13., and get the Book, and put your own with it, and settle to Cosby & Nichols, and tell them to send to me — then I will be under two thousand obligations to you. — You said something — in our conversation

about your fanaticism—: Never mind that. I'll take care of it. Do not be alarmed. I am not afraid of ideas, though they shoot blaze beneath fanaticism a-fire with insanity

Give my best respects to your whole family—to those two gentlemen in the office, and to all who may ask about me—. My court is on hand [redacted] and I am hurried, greatly

Yours. Respectfully

W. H. Herndon

(Law-partner & biographer of Abraham Lincoln.)